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SUBJ: GDR MEDIA TREATMENT OF SECRETARY'S TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA

1. RECENT GDR MEDIA COMMENTARY ON THE SECRETARY'S RECENT TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA HAS BEEN PERFUNCTORY AND ESSENTIALLY REPORTORIAL IN NATURE. ON MARCH 9, HOWEVER, BOTH NEUES DEUTSCHLAND AND BERLINER ZEITUNG PUBLISHED EXCERPT FROM AN ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN THE CUBAN NEWSPAPER, "GRANMA", LINKING THE TRIP TO WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS AMERICAN EFFORTS TO PRESS LATIN AMERICAN STATES TO SUPPORT U.S. POLICY ON ANGOLA AND THE U.S. CRITICISM OF CUBAN SUPPORT FOR THE MPLA, IN PARTICULAR. THE SECREATRY IS DESCRIBED AS HAVING HAD LITTLE LUCK IN THIS ENDEAVOR EXCEPT WITH "SUCH PERSONS AS NICARAGUA'S SOMAZA AND COSTA RICA'S FOREIGN MINISTER GONZALA FACIO"

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WHO GRANMA CALLS HYPROCRITES BECAUSE THEY SPOKE IN

FAVOR OF THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION IN THE
ANGOLAN CONFLICT BUT HAD REMAINED SILENT DURING PAST
"AGGRESSIONS AGAINST CUBA AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC."

2. THE ARTICLES THEN DESCRIBED "REAL AGGRESSORS"
AS IMPERIALISTS, THE CIA, AND MULTINATIONALS LIKE ITT
AND LOCKHEED. "THESE ARE (THE ONES) WHO OVERTHROW
GOVERNMENTS, MURDER CHIEFS OF STATE, AND BRIBE OFFICIALS".
THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY LINKING THE U.S., SOUTH AFRICA
AND THE PRC TOGETHER IN THE ANGOLAN "PLOT" WHICH
HAS RESULTED IN THEIR "ISOLATION" FROM OTHER FORCES IN
THE AREA.

3. COMMENT: PUBLICATION OF THE CUBAN EDITORIAL
IN NEUS DEUTSCHLAND REPRESENTS FURTHER GDR SUPPORT FOR
THE SOVIET POSITION IN ANGOLA WHICH THE GDR PREVIOUSLY
AIDED WITH IDEOLOGICAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE
TO THE MPLA.COOPER

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